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1. A military airfield was located southwest of Pardubice (O 51/1: 79). The field was loamy and became marshy after heavy rain. There was no runway. Prisoners were assigned to work at the field. The bomb craters were filled and the area of the field was enlarged by 500 meters in a southwestern direction.
2. Buildings located on the northern edge of the field included: three hangars of reinforced concrete, one 50x60 meters and the other two 20x30 meters each; a civilian hangar 20 meters square; a three-story flight control station or administration building, 30 meters square; a guardhouse; a tower about 20 meters high; and about 20 to 25 wooden billets for the ground personnel and prisoners. \*
3. The field was occupied by about 20 Spitfire-type fighters, about 30 trainers, probably Messerschmidts, two twin-engine Siebels, each holding about 10 men, and some Storchs. \*\* The aircraft of Messerschmidt type were most frequently seen, usually flying in formation of three planes. No air combat or firing exercises were observed.
4. The ground personnel, who wore blue uniforms, numbered about 500 men.
5. Two three-story buildings opposite the airfield, north of the road to the town, were occupied by about 150 men wearing blue uniforms. Some of the men had red cuffs with one to three gold lateral stripes and probably were student pilots. \*\*

\* Comment.                     

For layout sketch

of airfield, see Annex 2. This is the first report on Pardubice airfield in two years. The information on the location of the buildings and hangars agrees with previous reports and it supplements previous data as to the size of the buildings. The entire size of the field, about 1,500 x 3,000 meters, is reported for the first time. It is believed credible that the field has been enlarged 500 meters toward the southwest.

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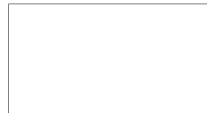
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\*\* Comment. The presence of aircraft and student pilots agrees with previous reports that the third training course of the Hradec Kralove Military Pilot Academy **included practice** flying with Spitfires and Me-109s in Pardubice.

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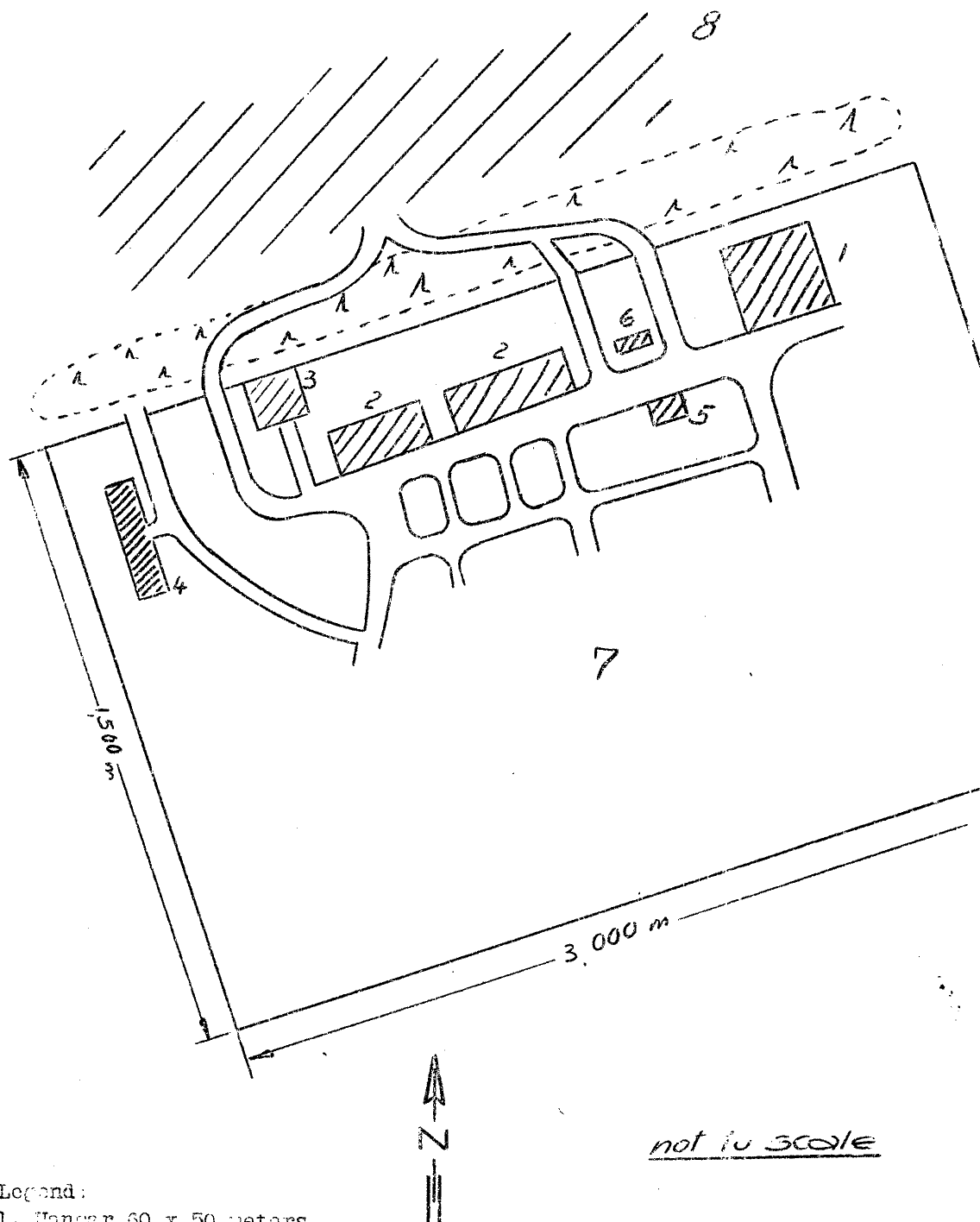
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Annex

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Pardubice Airfield

## Legend:

1. Hangar 60 x 50 meters
2. Two hangars, each 80 x 20 meters
3. Three-story administrative building 30 meters square, with wind sock
4. Civilian hangar, 20 meters square
5. Tower 20 meters high
6. Guardhouse
7. Landing field
8. Area built up with about 20 temporary wooden buildings

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